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▶ Liberal leadership candidates, from left, George Abbott, Christy Clark, Kevin Falcon and Mike de Jong.

Battleground B.C.

Saturday is decision day in the race to be B.C.'s next premier Around 90,000 Liberal party members will vote online for a new leader Professor predicts second-choice ballots will determine the winner {pages 6-7}

Libya

Loyalists on the attack

Army executes targeted strikes as uprising progresses toward capital Obama administration hasn't ruled out military intervention {page 8}

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Sex tourist appeals 11-year sentence

A 59-year-old Burnaby man is appealing the sentence he was given last summer under Canada's sex tourism laws.

Kenneth Klassen was handed 11 years in jail for having sex with girls as young as eight in Colombia and Cambodia. It's the longest sentence ever imposed under the sex tourism laws. He was arrested after police discovered he had mailed himself videos showing him having sex with the young girls.

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Car crushed by train in Nanaimo

Two teens were uninjured Thursday afternoon when their older model Honda Civic was crushed by a train on Vancouver Island.

At around 2:30 p.m. Thursday, the driver of the Civic tried to dart ahead of a westbound freight train and was stuck in the rear right corner.

The train destroyed the car and pushed it from the tracks, but neither the driver nor his passenger were injured in the crash, according to police.

Witnesses said they heard warning bells and saw flashing lights before the attempted crossing. The driver was given a ticket for failure to stop at a railway crossing. METRO

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▶ A man jogs along the Stanley Park seawall.

City hit with winter wallop

Temperature dipped to -8 C in Vancouver Thursday night, without wind chill In comparison, Edmonton was -28 C, Calgary was at -31 C

KRISTEN THOMPSON
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Don't let the sunshine and blue skies fool you — Vancouver is going into deep freeze and was expected to break records Thursday night with temperatures as low as -17 C with the wind chill.

"We're looking at a low of -8 C and there's going to be some northeasterly winds, which will bring wind chill values down to -17 C," said Gary Dickinson, a meteorologist with Environment Canada.

The record low for Feb. 25 is -5.2 C, which was set in 1993. The average high for this time of year is 9 C and a low of -2 C.

"The rest of the weekend it looks like we're going to be in a bit of a transition (with) sunny skies on Friday, and temperatures will remain just below freezing," said Dickinson said.

"We can expect approximately five centimetres of snow (on Saturday).

"It will change over to rain on Sunday, followed by periods of rain mixed with snow on Tuesday."

On the streets

1 Police will be handing out blankets and encouraging the homeless to take advantage of emergency shelters.

2 The city says no one will be turned away from shelters.

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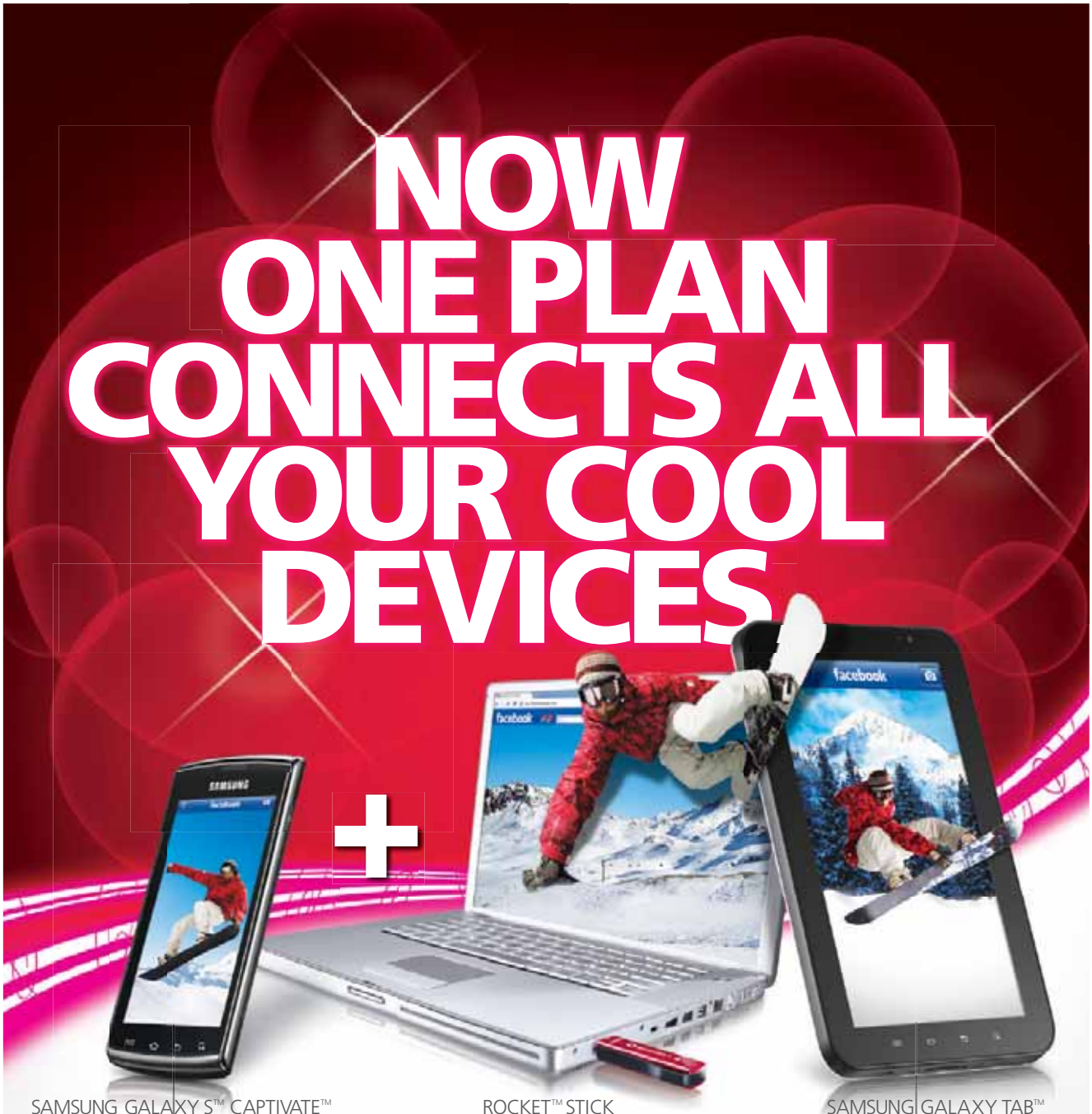

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B.C. wage increase lowest in the country

B.C. workers were earning more each week by the end of the December last year according to Statistics Canada — but the percentage increase was among the lowest in the country.

Statistic Canada says average weekly earnings of non-farm payroll employees rose 4.5 per cent — to $872 — between December 2009 and December 2010. B.C. and New Brunswick had the slowest growth — while workers in Alberta and the Maritimes surged ahead of the average.

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Independent review floated for float terminal

With the future of Vancouver's float plane terminal up in the air, B.C. Pavilion Corporation officials hope a new proposal will bring the battle back down to earth.

PavCo is the landlord of the terminal and PavCo chair David Podmore suggests an independent review could make non-binding recommendations to resolve the dispute. He says the review would cover everything from design of the terminal to cost of its operation.

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WorkSafeBC chops Canada Line fines

WorkSafeBC has more than halved the $233,000 fines levied against two firms involved in the death of a crane operator during construction of the Canada Line. A review found no indication SNC-Lavalin Constructors failed to ensure proper health and safety procedures.

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Special. Moment

▶ Vancouver Deputy Chief Doug LePard stands with Special Olympic athletes Lawrence Lau, left, and Ryan Chan, right, Thursday.

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL/FOR METRO

Vancouver Police Department gives back

The Vancouver Police Department turned $24,500 in overtime into donations for B.C.'s Special Olympic Athletes. The contribution helped 49 Special Olympians compete in the 2011 Special Olympic Winter Sport Championships, which began on Feb. 11 and will wrap up March 5.

Vancouverites tweeting away about the Oscars

With the Academy Awards on Sunday, Metro asked Vancouverites who they thought was most deserving of an Oscar.

Who do you think should win Best Actor?

@kathygko Colin Firth! His portrayal of King George VI was extraordinary.

@Clarehe Hope it's Colin Firth. He's the best of British: handsome, humble and great at what he does.

Who should win Best Actress?

@Asifa604 Natalie is awesome!

@sleepysheepie definitely Natalie Portman for Black Swan.

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USA

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Family Special
Air + 4 Nights
from **$278**◊
+ taxes & fees $106
INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price is per person based on a family of 4. ADD 4-day *Disneyland* Resort *Park Hopper* Bonus Ticket from $179 per adult / $159 per child.

Las Vegas Air + 3 Nights — from $219 + taxes & fees $110
INCLUDES accom on the Strip. ADD helicopter tour from $87.

Orlando
Family Special
Air + 7 Nights — from $459◊ + taxes & fees $118
INCLUDES accom near theme parks. Price is per person based on a family of 4. ADD 5-day *Walt Disney World* Resort *Magic Your Way* Base Ticket from $259 per adult / $234 per child.

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Candidate snapshots

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Age: 59
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Last job: Education minister
Experience: Portfolios in education, aboriginal relations and health
Slogan: "The People Are Coming."
Campaign donations: $427,842

Christy Clark
Age: 46
Riding: None, formerly Port Moody-Burnaby Mountain
Last job: CKNW host
Experience: Former deputy premier
Slogan: "Families First."
Campaign donations: $519,040

Kevin Falcon
Age: 47
Riding: Surrey-Cloverdale

Last job: Health minister
Experience: Portfolios in health, transportation and deregulation
Slogan: "A New Generation of Leadership."
Campaign donations: $708,665.48

Mike de Jong
Age: 47
Riding: Abbotsford West
Last job: Solicitor and attorney general
Experience: Portfolios in forests, labour and aboriginal relations
Slogan: "A Fresh Start For B.C."
Campaign donations: $266,450

Illustrations by J.J. McCullough at filibustercartoons.com.

▶ Liberal candidate Christy Clark is considered the frontrunner heading into Saturday's leadership vote, but does she have enough of a lead to hold her challengers at bay?

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Leadership race going down to the wire: Prof

Next premier to be decided during Liberal vote Saturday Clark is leading but Abbott could take second-ballot win, SFU professor predicts

British Columbians are on the verge of meeting their next premier.

Four candidates head into Saturday's B.C. Liberal leadership vote hoping to lead the province, but only one will remain by the end of the day.

Former deputy premier Christy Clark has polled above her competition heading into decision day, but Simon Fraser University public policy professor Gary Mauser doesn't think her popularity will be enough for the radio talk-show host to pull out a victory.

"If she doesn't get 50 per cent of the first vote, she's toast," Mauser predicted. "I think the second choices will determine everything."

When the race eventually boils down to two candidates — provided someone doesn't take an unlikely majority victory on first-place votes — Mauser said Liberal members are likely to throw their support behind a candidate who won't further fracture the party.

"The focus will be on keeping the party together and not splitting it," he said. "That means that (Kevin) Falcon, on the right, and Clark, on the left, won't be able to win."

That's why Mauser thinks George Abbott will end up as the next premier.

But that doesn't mean the future is cast in stone.

"I'm a professor, not a politician," Mauser said, laughing.

Premier Gordon Campbell announced he would resign Nov. 3, 2010, and thus kicked off the leadership race.

Cabinet minister Moira Stilwell was the first to announce her intention to replace Campbell Nov. 11 and was soon joined by Clark, Falcon, Abbott, Ed Mayne and Mike de Jong.

The six candidates managed to triple the party's ranks, to about 90,000 people, during an aggressive push to sign up supporters.

Stilwell and Mayne dropped out of the race last week and threw their support behind Abbott.

MATT KIELTYKA

Liberals reject 6,000 members: Report

Around one-tenth of members signed up in the current B.C. Liberal leadership race have been dropped by the party, CBC News reports.

The party, which had about 30,000 members prior to the leadership contest, has seen its numbers swell to around 90,000 as candidates scrambled to sign up new members.

A meeting of campaign organizers on Tuesday saw the validity of 10,000 of the memberships challenged.

Of those, roughly 6,000 were rejected by the party, though there is no official count.

Among those signed up during the month-long signup period was a volunteer's cat and members of the Kamloops Blazers, a Western Hockey League team.

METRO

Army attacks Libyan rebels

Gadhafi maintains control over capital But uprising has divided country, pushing it toward civil war

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▶ Libyan children take part in a protest Thursday in the eastern dissident-held Libyan city of Tobruk.

Army units and militiamen loyal to Moammar Gadhafi struck back against rebellious Libyans who have risen up in cities close to the capital Thursday, attacking a mosque where many were holding an anti-government sit-in and battling with others who had seized control of an airport. A doctor at the mosque said 10 people were killed.

The assaults aimed to push back a revolt that has moved closer to Gadhafi's bastion in the capital, Tripoli. The uprising has already unravelled parts of Gadhafi's regime.

In the latest blow to the Libyan leader, a cousin who is one of his closest aides, Ahmed Gadhaf al-Dam, announced that he has defected to Egypt in protest against the regime's bloody crackdown against the uprising, denouncing what he called "grave violations to human rights and human and international laws."

In Zawiya, 50 kilometres west of Tripoli, an army unit attacked the city's Souq Mosque, where regime opponents had been camped for days in a protest calling for Gadhafi's ouster, a witness said. The soldiers opened fire with automatic weapons and hit the mosque's minaret with fire from an anti-aircraft gun, he said.

A doctor at a field clinic set up at the mosque said he saw the bodies of 10 dead, shot in the head and chest, as well as around 150 wounded.

The other attack came at a small airport outside Misrata, Libya's third largest city, where rebel residents claimed control Wednesday. Militiamen with rocket-propelled grenades and mortars barraged rebels who were guarding the airport, said one of the rebels involved in the battle.

During the fighting, the airport's defenders seized an anti-aircraft gun used by the militias and turned it against them, he said.

He said dead and wounded had been taken to Misrata hospitals but could not give exact figures.

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Global response

- **U.S. President Barack Obama** plans to call British Prime Minister David Cameron and French President Nicholas Sarkozy to discuss possible actions by the international community.
- **White House spokesman** Jay Carney said Obama wants a concerted international effort to pressure the Libyan government.
- **Carney said** no options have been taken off the table, including the possibility of military action.

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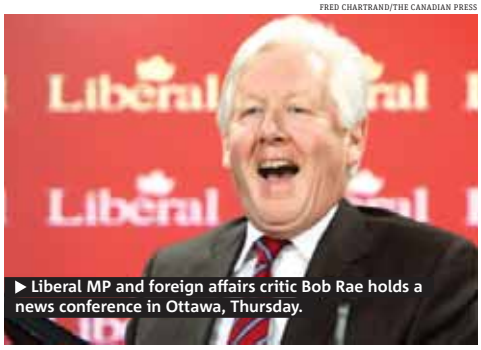


▶ Liberal MP and foreign affairs critic Bob Rae holds a news conference in Ottawa, Thursday.

Bev Oda did what?

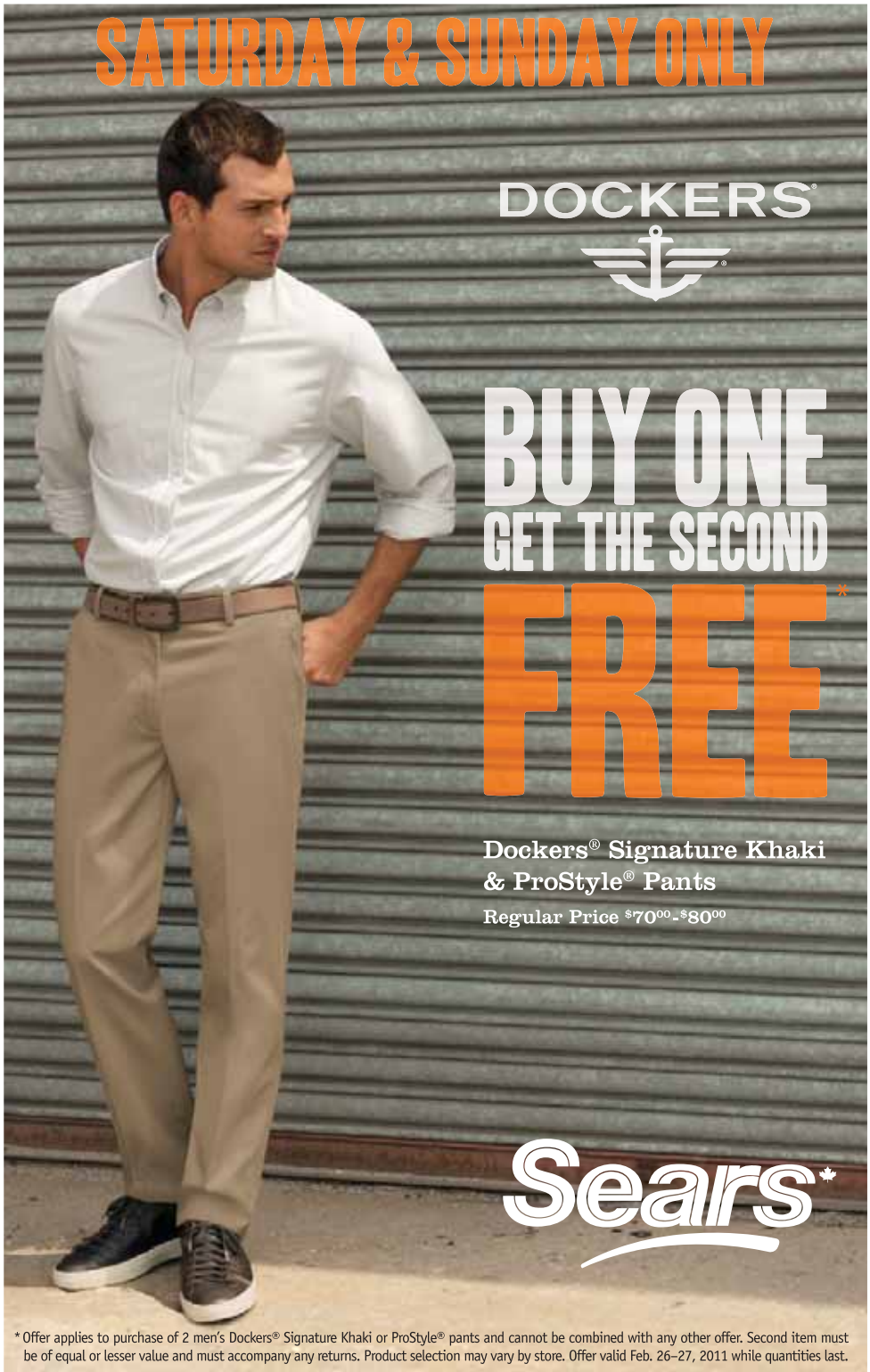
Bob Rae dismisses Tory suggestions Canadians don't care about memo from Oda's officials over funding for a church-based foreign aid group

Opposition parties are vowing to turn the Oda affair into an excruciating toothache for the Harper government even as a new poll suggests half of Canadians are numb to the controversy.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll found 50 per cent of those surveyed had heard nothing about the document-altering scandal swirling around International Co-operation minister Bev Oda.

Overall, 32 per cent said the minister should resign from cabinet, 10 per cent said she should stay and eight per cent were unsure.

The results have to be disappointing for opposition parties, who've been relentlessly hammering away at the issue for two weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Paul Martin worrying over budget numbers

55.6 A report released last November by Kevin Page, the parliamentary budget officer, shows Ottawa's deficit falling sharply from the record $55.6 billion.

The man who slashed the federal deficit in the 1990s says he's worried about the upcoming budget and the debt that will be shouldered by future generations.

Paul Martin, who was Liberal finance minister before he became prime minister, said Thursday there's a lot of debate over the figures used by the Conservative government.

Martin said budget watchdogs — including the parliamentary budget officer, the International Monetary Fund, the Fraser Institute and the C.D. Howe Institute — have all said the numbers "don't hold up."

"Think about what's going to happen," Martin told about 200 Liberal supporters at a speech in Regina.

"If their numbers are no good — and that's before taking into account a slowing U.S. economy and an aging population — well, then you think what's going to happen and again that is what we are bequeathing to our children." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Century-old mistake costing B.C. government

One small mistake with a land survey pin almost 100 years ago is going to cost the B.C. government about $4.5 million.

The Squamish First Nation recently noticed that a 1917 provincial survey of its Cheakamus Indian Reserve was missing about 10 acres that were included in the first federal government survey done in 1881.

Lands Minister Pat Bell said the mistake has been passed on through subsequent surveys, until the band noticed and recently brought it to the province's attention.

"The issue here is you always move back to the original pin, and it was the original (1917) pin that was in error," Bell said of the surveys done over the decades. The land, near Squamish, B.C. was sold off in 14 parcels and a dozen of those properties now have either residential or recreational homes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family. Court

▶ Sharon McDonough leaves Central Islip, N.Y., family court after temporarily losing custody of six of her children in this Nov. 10, 2009 file photo.

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A troubled household

Sharon McDonough admitted in court Thursday that she abused her children and dozens of pets, sometimes torturing dogs and cats to death in the presence of her young daughters.

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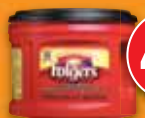

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Ruling: Assange faces extradition

- WikiLeaks founder's lawyers question Sweden's judicial process
- Lawyers express concern Assange risks being handed over to the U.S.

Background

WikiLeaks released tens of thousands of U.S. military documents on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and on U.S. diplomatic efforts worldwide, deeply angering U.S. and international officials.

- **Assault.** Shortly after WikiLeaks released sensitive documents, two Swedish women accused Assange of sexual assault.
- **Arrest.** Assange was arrested in London in December.
- **Appeal.** Assange has appealed the extradition rulings and his case could eventually be brought before Britain's High Court.

The WikiLeaks media parade returned to the Belmarsh Magistrates' Court once again, this time to hear for certain Julian Assange's fate.

At Belmarsh Magistrates' Court in southeast London, District Judge Howard Riddle ruled the 39-year-old whistleblower should be extradited to Sweden to face sexual assault allegations.

The judge rejected claims from the WikiLeaks founder that he would not face a fair trial, saying the allegations of rape and sexual molestation by two women against Assange meet the definition of extraditable offences and that the Swedish warrant had been properly issued and was valid.

After hearing three days of testimony this month, Riddle concluded, "there is simply no reason to believe there has been a mistake."

Eventually, Assange left the building to speak in front of the media. Looking tired rather than his relaxed self, Assange, while gazing across to the attentive media, called the court case an "abusive process." The famed whistleblower did not appear to smile throughout his speech.

After the judge's decision surfaced to the outside, the number of protesters — many of whom donned masks à la the movie V For Vendetta — swelled, voicing their anger and frustration. A number of activists performed a sit-down protest as a result of the hearing, after which they were eventually physically removed by police.

Meanwhile, Claes Borgström, the lawyer representing the two women at the centre of the sexual allegations, told major Swedish news agency Tidningarnas Telegrambyrå: "This decision was expected because there was no reason to refuse extradition. The only thing would be if the English court had decided that Assange couldn't be guaranteed a fair trial in Sweden, and that is not the case."

XIAOLIANG HUANG WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange leaves Belmarsh Magistrates' Court Thursday in southeast London.

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▶ An unidentified man opens the door for a plainclothes RCMP officer at the Conservative Party Headquarters of Canada in Ottawa on April 15, 2008 during an RCMP raid.

Charges filed against Tories

Elections Canada has upped the ante in a long running feud with the Conservative party over election spending, charging several Tories including a Harper insider with violating election laws during the 2006 vote.

Those charged include Senator Doug Finley, a confidant of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and an architect of his recent election campaigns.

Charges were also filed on Wednesday against the party and officials Irving Gerstein, also a senator, Michael Donnison and Susan Kehoe, a Conservative source told The Canadian Press late Thursday.

The agency has alleged in the past that $1.3 million in national advertising was improperly reported as a shared expense by 67 Conservative candidates.

The agency contended the scheme allowed the party to exceed its spending limit and the candidates to claim rebates on expenses they hadn't actually incurred.

The Elections Act charges are the latest salvo in a long running battle between the elections watchdog and the Conservatives over the spending arrangement, which has become known as the in-and-out case. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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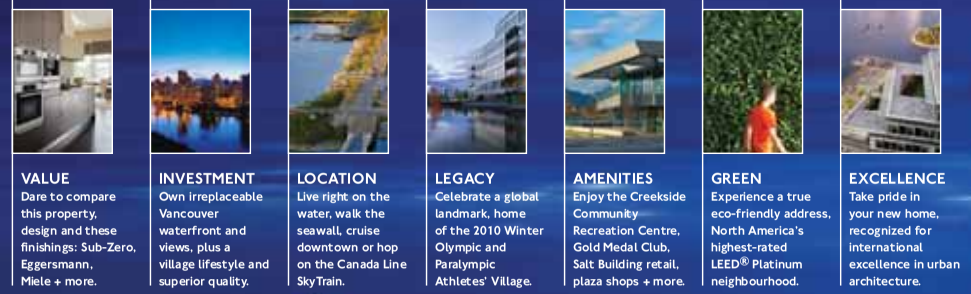

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That's thinking inside the Box

- CEO says Box's staff of 140 will double in 18 months
- Hopes site will be indispensable business tool

Some tech-savvy venture capitalists are making a big bet on a promising Internet company poised to corner the market in online storage.

Box.net, which offers online storage "lockers" for personal and corporate information, received $48 million on Thursday from a group of investors and financiers that includes two of Facebook's major shareholders: venture capital firms Meritech Capital and Andreessen Horowitz.

Founded by Aaron Levie, 26, with $11,000 that his longtime friend, co-founder Dylan Smith, won in poker games, Box works by allowing users to upload content to the company's computer centres. Storing information this way means it can be called up on any device with an Internet connection.

George Bischof, managing partner of Meritech Capital, sees parallels to Facebook when Meritech invested in that company in 2006. It was right about the time that Facebook became available to all comers after confining the service to college students. Since then, Facebook has grown to more than 500 million users and boasts a market value of $50 billion, based on $1.5 billion in investments engineered by Goldman Sachs last month.

Levie won't reveal the market value implied by the latest investment, but said it's below $1 billion US. Box finished last year with $5 million US.

And though the story of Box may not be the stuff of Hollywood movies, that doesn't mean it can't deliver a huge windfall for its investors, said John O'Farrell, a general partner at Andreessen Horowitz. "Enterprise software is a less sexy space, but that has created a huge opportunity for investors like us," O'Farrell said.

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Oil prices drop amid positive news

International Energy Agency says supply may be stronger than expected ◐ Investors jittery

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▶ Traders work the crude-oil options pit at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday. Libyan unrest sent oil up to more than $100 US a barrel at times this week.

Oil prices dropped on Thursday for the first time in nine days after the International Energy Agency said the rebellion in Libya may have cut oil production less than feared.

The IEA said oil companies have cut production by 500,000 to 750,000 barrels per day, or less than one per cent of global daily oil use. That's roughly half of what Italy's Eni, Libya's largest oil producer, estimated on Thursday.

The IEA also said it can make up for lost shipments by tapping into surpluses held by member countries, which include the U.S., the U.K., France and Germany. Member nations hold 1.6-billion barrels of emergency oil, or enough to supply the group for 145 days.

The IEA said it is in close contact with OPEC as well. Saudi Arabia, the most important member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said it would increase production, if necessary, to make up for shortfalls. The Saudis produce about 8.5-million barrels of oil a day and have the capacity to produce more than 12-million barrels a day.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for April delivery fell 82 cents yesterday to settle at $97.28 US on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Thursday's drop suggests that traders "are starting to recognize that prices have become overextended," said Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MacBook port fast as lightning

The new MacBook Pro laptops are the first to include a "Thunderbolt" port for high-speed connections to displays and other peripherals such as external hard drives, Apple Inc. said Thursday.

Thunderbolt, developed by Intel Corp., replaces the Mini DisplayPort on MacBooks and carries data at speeds 20 times higher than most USB cables.

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SunChips bag dials it down some

After fielding a barrage of complaints about its noisy biodegradable SunChips bag, Frito-Lay is introducing a quieter version.

The new bag dampens the crumpling noise to about 70 decibels, down from the deafening 85 decibels of the original — about as loud as a busy city street. The bag will be tested first with the company's plain chips.

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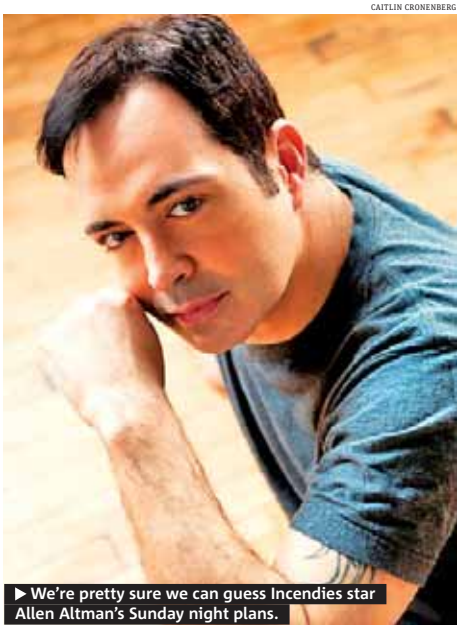

▶ We're pretty sure we can guess Incendies star Allen Altman's Sunday night plans.

5 MINUTES WITH: ALLEN ALTMAN

The star of Oscar-nominated Incendies takes us behind the scenes for a closer look at Canada's contender for best foreign language film.

First off, congratulations on the film's nomination.
It's pretty amazing. What an amazing blessing this whole journey has been. This film is incredible.
What has been the most meaningful part of this whole experience for you?
I think it's the whole evolution of people really getting the film in the same way I did the first time I read the script. I was so moved by the words and the message behind what I think Denis (Villeneuve) was trying to say. It's been such an interesting thing to see people in a kind of domino effect start to get it one after another. It's just time for people to get the message in this movie, which is about finding your humanity and letting go of your anger and being a grown-up about life. So that's been for me the most powerful part of it. And, of course, working with Denis, which in itself is a gift.
Did you know you were part of something this special when you were filming?
I remember saying to friends of mine, this is going to be one of those international movies, and I'm so pleased because we in Canada don't get the opportunity to work on projects of that calibre all the time. From the first moment I read the script, I knew it was going to be super special.
What's next for you? I imagine this film has opened a number of doors.
I think I'm going to head out to Vancouver for a couple of months and see what happens. Take it as it comes. No expectations. I'm just at this point very happy.
You're also something of a Renaissance man. Tell us about your "side career."
I've always liked to be creative and when I first got to Toronto I started flipping houses because I did renovations. So I decided to open up a design company and it's been doing very well for the past seven years. I manage that while I maintain my acting career.
Say you win the Oscar and get up on stage. If you could have your Adrien Brody moment, which star would you smooch?
(Laughs) Probably Annette Bening. She's the be-all and end-all for me. I think she's the essence of grace.

JORDANA DIVON

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

New light on early residents

Worth mentioning

Some 11,500 years ago, one of North America's earliest families laid the remains of a three-year-old child to rest in their home in what is now Alaska.

The discovery of that burial is shedding new light on the life and times of the early settlers who crossed to the New World from Asia, researchers report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

The bones represent the earliest human remains discovered in the Arctic, a "pretty significant find," said Ben A. Potter of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

While ancient Alaskan residents were known to hunt large game, the newly discovered site shows they also foraged for fish, birds and small mammals, he explained.

"Here we know there were young children and females. So this is a whole piece of the settlement system that we had virtually no record of."

The site of the discovery, Upper Sun River, is in the forest of the Tanana lowlands in central Alaska, Potter and his colleagues report.

Potter said the find, which included evidence of what appeared to be a seasonal house and the cremated remains of the child, "is truly spectacular in all senses of the word."

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Metro Minute with Eric Clapton

Guitar legend Eric Clapton performs in Vancouver Friday.

Clapton, a British blues-rock guitarist, singer, songwriter and composer, has been referred to as one of the most important and influential guitarists of all time, playing in such bands as The Yardbirds and Cream.

He was ranked fourth in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists Of All Time and also fourth in Gibson's Top 50 Guitarists Of All Time.

His songs include Change The World, Tears In Heaven and Wonderful Tonight.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers Arena. Visit ericclapton.com for more info.

SUNHO CHOI

Three days to play

WHICH FILM DO YOU HOPE WILL WIN THE OSCAR FOR BEST PICTURE?

Melanie App
NORTH VANCOUVER
The King's Speech. The acting was quite good. It was witty, funny and moving.

Kouki Watanabe
NAGOYA, JAPAN
Toy Story 3. It was good for ESL students and I liked the 3-D.

▶ Drive Angry features plenty of huge 3-D explosions that smack you in the face.

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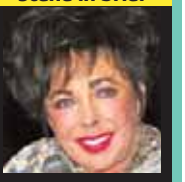
Scene in brief



A spokeswoman says Elizabeth Taylor's doctors continue to be encouraged by her progress as she remains hospitalized in Los Angeles. Publicist Jamie Cadwell says the 78-year-old actress will stay in the hospital for now so doctors can continue to observe her. Taylor has been hospitalized at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center since early this month. She is being treated for symptoms of congestive heart failure.
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At NY exhibit, Whoopi Goldberg says lack of black nominees at 2011 Oscars isn't industry trend

Reel Guys

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It's worth the Drive

- Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Drive Angry
- Cage begins to redeem himself in wild action movie, while Fichtner shines

Richard Crouse: Mark, Drive Angry has all the qualities of a great drive-in movie. There's muscle cars, gratuitous language and nudity, a vengeful Southern cult leader and the single wildest gun-fight/sex scene ever committed to celluloid. Roger Corman would have been proud. Were you? Did you like it?

Mark Breslin: Richard, this movie was complete and utter trash and I loved every minute of it. Usually I cringe at any supernatural subplots, but with William Fichtner as the underworld's "accountant", how could they go wrong? Did you love him as much as I did?

RC: Oh yes. Fichtner is wicked — see what I did there? — and I loved the way he and Cage use this deadpan delivery to say the craziest dialogue of any movie so far this year. Cage hasn't had a line as great as, "I never disrobe before a gunfight" since David Lynch was writing his lines.

MB: The dialogue was funny although the serious scenes with David Morse stopped the movie cold. But I thought Amber Heard brought a lot to a role that could have been a throwaway.

RC: The whole thing could have been a throwaway, but it isn't. Instead it's a throwback to the kind of movies that played at the bottom of the bill at the drive-in. It's so over-the-top, so in-your-face it seems like a recent graduate from the Russ Meyer School of Fine Arts, class of 2011. Even the 3-D is extreme. This isn't Avatar with its elegant stereoscopic effects. Here, as body parts and bullets were flying off the screen I couldn't help but think that the 3-D was as extreme as the movie. What did you think of the 3-D?

MB: I felt I had to scape those body parts off my sweater when the movie finished. Verrrrry realistic! And Cage was his wonderful squirrelly self again, redeeming his somnambulistic role in Season of the Witch. His performance here is in his pedal-to-the-metal, no-holds barred Bad Lieutenant/Vampire's Kiss tradition — the Nic Cage I love.

RC: Absolutely. He's a helluva lotta fun here. This is the Cage that I wish we saw more of — the wild-man-actor who seemingly has no boundaries. He's still not 100 per cent back in my good books — the memory of Season of the Witch is too fresh to be forgotten — but a few more like this and a few less like Bangkok Dangerous and he may yet earn his way back to my A-list.

Plot synopsis

- In Drive Angry Nicolas Cage plays John Milton, a man who would literally go to hell and back to get revenge on the men who killed his daughter and kidnapped his granddaughter. He's a dead man who escaped the clutches of Satan to come to Earth to even the score. Trouble is, the devil wants him back.
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕⊕
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕½

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Hall Pass plays it way too safe

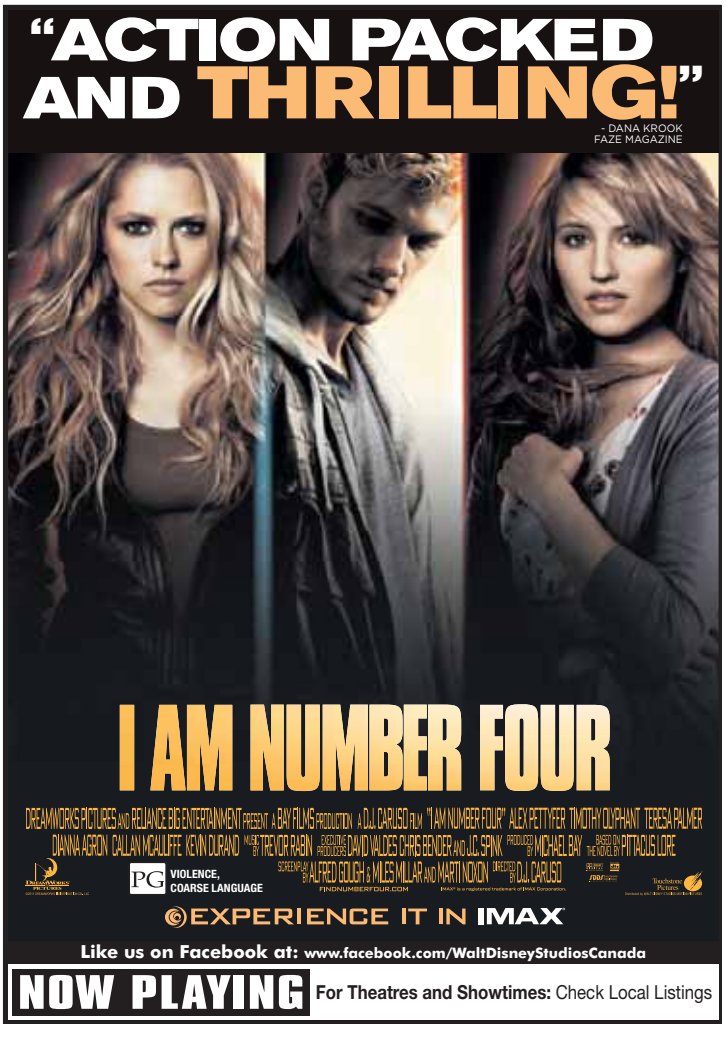
Hall Pass
Genre: Comedy
Directors: Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly
Stars: Owen Wilson, Jason Sudeikis, Jenna Fischer, Christina Applegate and Richard Jenkins

●●½

Remove the "H" and the "P" from Hall Pass and you'll get the idea. Broad, lewd and crude, the latest Farrelly brothers' naughty fest sometimes rises to the occasion, but considering the multi-dimensional, ironic, crazed comedy of the School of Apatow, not often enough.

A couple of family men are given a week off from marriage, and all that entails. The Farrellys (Dumb & Dumber, There's Something about Mary) soft pedal it in this new domestic milieu, seriously diluting the brand. Punches are pulled, chances aren't taken and even a constant parade of nude fools fails to delight.

ANNE BRODIE



| Worth watching ◍◍◍ | Yawn ◍◍ | Don't bother ◍

Biutiful
Genre: Drama
Director: Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu
Stars: Javier Bardem, Maricel Alvarez, Eduard Fernandez
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The director of Amores Perros and Babel returns with an intimate study of a man who finds under-the-table work for illegal immigrants, while also struggling to raise two children with a bi-polar prostitute, and deal with the reality that he's dying of cancer. So, it's a bit of a downer then, but also a deeply rewarding character study filled with haunting imagery and painfully identifiable moments. The film is held together by a powerful performance from Javier Bardem (who is in almost every frame) that already earned him Best Actor honours at Cannes and is sure to lead to further honours as awards season beckons.

PHIL BROWN

Alamar
Genre: Drama
Director: Pedro Gonzalez-Rubio
Stars: Jorge Machado, Natan Machado Palombini and Nestór Marín
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For all its ambiguity, Alamar makes for a pretty charming movie. Part documentary/part fiction, this simple observation focuses on the bonding of a father and son during a brief Caribbean fishing trip before the youngster moves to Italy with his mom. It's a quiet film and while the tone is muted (unless you're thrilled by a bug-eating egret), as a poetic piece on paternal love, it bleeds charisma.

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Depp does it for the kids (just not his own)

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▶ Johnny Depp is the voice of the title character in Rango, which opens next Friday.

If his recent career choices haven't made it clear — Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the Pirates of the Caribbean films, Alice in Wonderland — Johnny Depp is looking to entertain the kids. And his latest, the animated Rango about a chameleon who escapes his cage and fights crime in the Wild West, is no exception.

"Kids in general, as an audience, are the way forward because they're not sullied by intellectual expectation or this or that. It's a very pure kind of response to the work," Depp says.

"I trust kids far more than I do adults. Kids give you the honest opinion, you know. They tell the truth."

The revelation about younger audiences came, naturally, from his own experiences as a parent, Depp explains. "Before Pirates 1, I had a daughter. And for about four years, all I watched was like cartoons — just cartoons," he explains. "I realized at that point that the parameters were far away from what we do in sort of normal, everyday movies, and that you can get away with a lot more. Kids accept a lot more, and they buy it, you know, because they're free."

But while kids are a much more satisfying audience, Depp's own children — daughter Lily-Rose, 11, and son Jack, 9 — can also be the toughest critics. And perhaps as a result of having such a famous and chameleon-like father, Depp's kids aren't easily fazed by his work.

"The things that I've done that my kids have been sort of privy to — Willy Wonka and all — it doesn't register," he says. "They're far more interested in Family Guy or Justin Bieber."

While Depp easily concedes that being an actor means telling lies for a living, telling lies as a parent hasn't come nearly as naturally for him.

"I had horrific guilt for many years, playing along with the Santa Claus thing," he says. "You're never going to bring it up to them. They're going to arrive and say, 'Hey, you've been telling me a lie for my entire life. What are you prepared to do about that?'"

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VANCOUVER

OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Beavers (STC) Fri 12 Mon-Thu 12
Hubble (STC) Fri 11:1 Sat-Sun 3 Mon-Thu 11:1
The Ultimate Wave Tahiti (STC) Sat-Sun 2

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

The King's Speech (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 5-8

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Another Year (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:15
Barney's Version (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:35
Cedar Rapids (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:40
Incendies (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:50
True Grit (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:25

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

The Company Men (PG) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 8 Sat 4:40 Sun 4:40-8 Mon-Thu 8
The Rite (PG) Fri 6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:05
The Roommate (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:15
The Social Network (PG) Fri 6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 4:25-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
Tron: Legacy (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 4:10-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:10
The Way Back (PG) Fri 8:05 Sat-Sun 4:35-8:05 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211
hollywoodtheatre.ca

Inside Job (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 9:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:15-7:45
Just Go With It (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:10-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:15
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7-9:45 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5-8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456
cinematheque.bc.ca

2010 Shorts Program 1 (STC) Sun 7
2010 Shorts Program 2 (STC) Sun 8:35
Curling (STC) Mon 7
Heartbeats (STC) Fri 7
The High Cost of Living (STC) Fri 8:50
Last Train Home (STC) Wed 7 Thu 8:35
Modra (STC) Wed 8:45 Thu 7
Mourning for Anna (STC) Mon 8:45
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Pinocchio (STC) Sun 1
Splice (14A) Sat 8:40
Trigger (STC) Sat 7

PARK THEATRE
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The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:25

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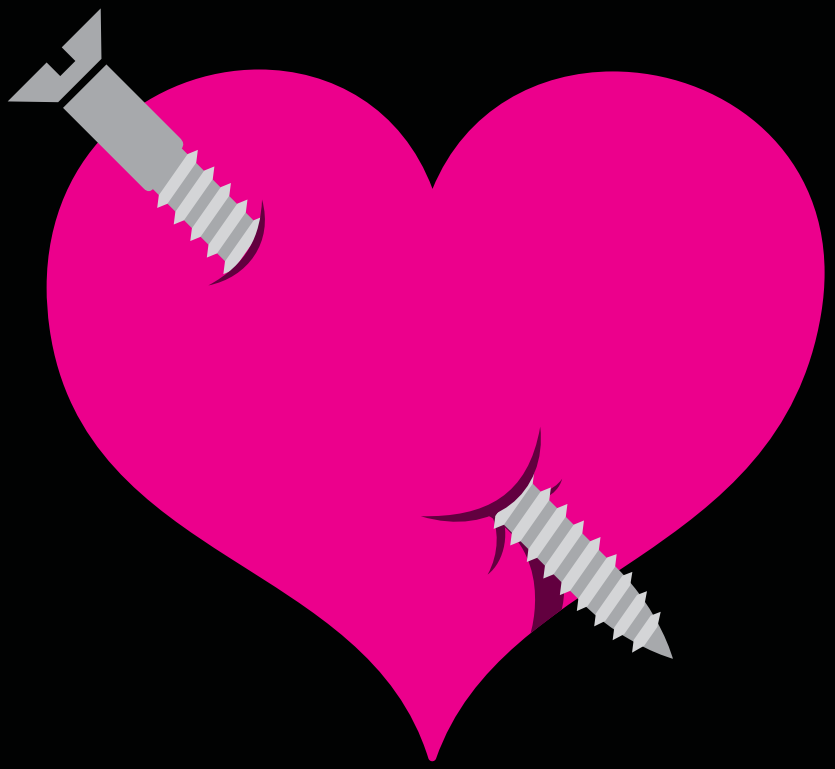

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8180 No 2 Rd, Unit 128
Aberdeen Mall
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10255 King George Blvd
15122 - 72nd Ave, Unit 110
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6330 Fraser St, Unit 105
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Unknown (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:20

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film
riotheatre.ca

Army of Darkness (STC) Sun 9
Blue Valentine (14A) Mon-Tue 7-9:30
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (14A) Fri 12
The Evil Dead (18A) Sun 5
Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn (18A) Sun 7
Howl (14A) Sat 7
Naked Lunch (STC) Sat 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Black Swan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:05
The Green Hornet 3D (14A) Fri 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:30 Sat 4:15-7:40-10:30 Sun-Tue 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:30 Wed 1:15-4:15-10:30 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:40-10:30
I Am Number Four (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7-9:50
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-10
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:40
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: La Fanciulla del West Encore (STC) Sat 10
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10
Sanctum 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:25-10:25
Unknown (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Wed 1:20-4-7:20-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour Street,
604-683-Film
vifc.org

The Infidel (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 3-7-9 Sun 4:30-8:30 Mon 6:30 Wed 8:30 Thu 6:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Sell Out! (STC) Fri 8:20 Sat 5 Sun 6:30
Who Is Harry Nilsson (And Why Is Everybody Talkin' About Him)? (STC) Mon 8:30 Wed 6:30 Thu 8:20

VAN EAST CINEMA
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vaneast.com

Call Theatre For Showtimes (STC) Fri-Thu

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ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Barney's Version (STC) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
The Eagle (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:3-40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
I Am Number Four (PG) Fri 7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) No Passes Fri 7:15-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:50
The Roommate (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
Sanctum (14A) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:20-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
Tangled (STC) Sat-Sun 1:15
True Grit (14A) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Black Swan (14A) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat 3:40-6:30-9:20 Sun 1-3:40-6:30-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:35-9:10 Wed 9:25 Thu 6:35-9:10
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:50-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
The King's Speech (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat 3:50-6:40-9:30 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 6:40-9:20 Sat 12:50 Wed 6:40
The Metropolitan Opera: La Fanciulla del West Encore (STC) Sat 10
Unknown (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Barney's Version (STC) Fri 4-7-9:55 Sat 1-4-7-9:55 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri 4:15-6:50-9 Sat 1:15-4:15-6:50-9 Sun 1:15-4:15-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50
I Am Number Four (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:05-9:40 No Passes Sat 1:10-4:10-7:05-9:40 No Passes Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
The King's Speech (PG) Fri 4:05-6:55-9:35 Sat 1:05-4:05-6:55-9:35 Sun 1:05-4:05-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:55
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:45 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way,
604-272-7280

127 Hours (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35
Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:45-4:10-7:10-10:20 No Passes Thu 4:10-7:10-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Black Swan (14A) Fri-Sat 12:25-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sun 12:25-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:40-6:40-9:40
The Eagle (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:35-6:45-9:50
The Fighter (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:20-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:55-4:20-7:15-10:25
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:45-7
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3-5:15-7:30-10
The Green Hornet 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:05-7:20-10:20
I Am Number Four (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:30-10:30
I Am Number Four The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:15-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:45
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3-6:30-9:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4-7:35-10:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4-7:35-10:30
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:3:50-6:40-9:30
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:50-9:55
The Mechanic (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: La Fanciulla del West Encore (STC) Sat 10
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri 1:30-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:25-10:25
Patiala House (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:35-8
The Roommate (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:15-7:20-10:10 Sun 12:40-3:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:15-7:20-10:10
Sanctum 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-7:05-10:05
Unknown (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:05-3:55-6:55-10:20 No Passes Thu 3:55-6:55-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2011 (STC) Sun 5

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Just Go With It (PG) Fri 4:45-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:15
The King's Speech (PG) Fri 4:45-7-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:45-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:15

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

The Eagle (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:40 Sun 12:45-4-6:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:35-9:40
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:35-4:45-7:15-9:35
The Green Hornet 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:45-9:45
I Am Number Four (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:25-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:15-10:10
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:05-9:55
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:55-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:55-7:10-9:55
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:50-6:50-9:50
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05 Sun 1:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:05
The Roommate (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:30-9 Sun 12:40-3:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:30-9
Unknown (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
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STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:20-10:25 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:25 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:20-7:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25
Black Swan (14A) Fri 4:10-7:10-10:15 Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:15
The Fighter (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7:10 Sat 1-4-7:10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
The Mechanic (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
The Rite (PG) Fri-Sat 10:10 Sun-Thu 7:10
Sanctum (14A) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:20 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:20 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20
Tangled (STC) Fri 4:25-7:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25 Sun 1:25-4:25 Mon-Thu 4:25

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

127 Hours (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:35-6:40-9:20
Barney's Version (STC) Fri-Thu 3:45-7-9:55
Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:55 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:15-9:55 No Passes Thu 1:55-4:40-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Black Swan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:35-10:20
The Eagle (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7:30-10:15
The Fighter (14A) Fri 1:10-3:55-6:55-10:10 Sat 3:55-6:55-10:10 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:55-10:10
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-7:30
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-3:40-6:45-9:15
The Green Hornet 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:20-7:10:05 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05
I Am Number Four (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:35-7:25-9:25-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:05-1:30-4:10-4:30-7:05-7:25-9:50-10:10
Just Go With It (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-1:15-3:25-3:55-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:05 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:15-1:50-3:55-4:30-6:50-7:25-9:50-10:05 No Passes Wed 1:50-3:55-4:30-6:50-7:25-9:50-10:05 No Passes Thu 1:15-1:50-3:55-4:30-6:50-7:25-9:50-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:30
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:35-9:40
The Mechanic (14A) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:25-7:35-10 Sun 1:35-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:35-10
The Metropolitan Opera: La Fanciulla del West Encore (STC) Sat 10
No Strings Attached (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:55-9:25
The Roommate (PG) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:35-7:10-9:40 Sun 1:25-4:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:10-9:40
Sanctum 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:15-10
Tangled (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20
True Grit (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Unknown (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:45
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SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7
The Green Hornet (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Tangled (STC) Sat-Sun 1:30

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey,
604-592-4441

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Sat-Sun 3:20
The Dilemma (PG) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Green Hornet (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:30 Sat 12-4:30 Sun-Thu 4:30
The Mechanic (14A) Fri-Thu 9
Megamind (G) Sat-Sun 2:40
Tangled (STC) Fri 5-7 Sat 2:45-5-7 Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7 Mon-Thu 5-7
True Grit (14A) Fri-Thu 7:10
Yogi Bear (G) Fri 5:30 Sat-Sun 12-1:40-5:30 Mon-Thu 5:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

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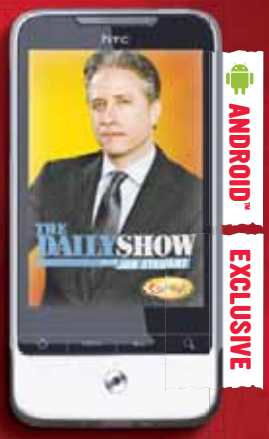

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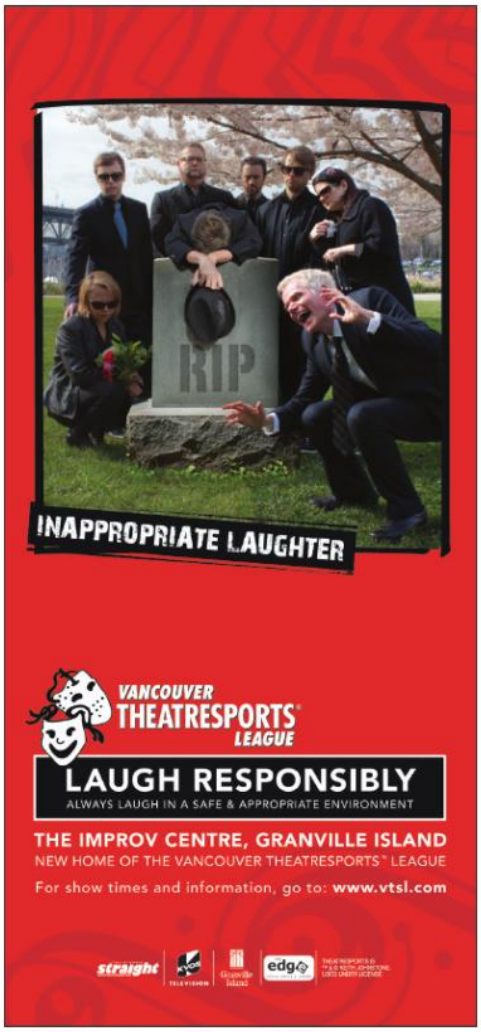

New versus old

Tradition and freshness hash it out at this year's Oscars ◗ King's Speech up against Social Network

Old against young, establishment against upstart, familiar faces against fresh ones. Hollywood has laid out a battle of the ages at Sunday's Academy Awards.

Among the 10 best-picture nominees, the show really comes down to just two: The King's Speech, a costume drama that oozes Oscar tradition with its British accents, aristocratic pageantry and triumph over disability, and The Social Network, the Facebook chronicle that's all about today's crude, rude world of getting yours at the expense of others, whether online or in real life.

The theme of past and present, traditional and topical, runs all through the Oscars. For best actress, the front-runner is 29-year-old Natalie Portman in Black Swan, with 52-year-old Annette Bening — a three-time loser at the Oscars — as sentimental favourite for The Kids Are All Right.

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For supporting actress, 50-year-old Melissa Leo, whose career caught fire in middle age, is favoured for The Fighter, with 14-year-old newcomer Hailee Steinfeld a potential underdog winner for her film debut in True Grit.

For best director, the favourites are Hollywood veteran David Fincher for The Social Network and British filmmaker Tom Hooper — a relative big-screen novice known mainly for television work — for The King's Speech.

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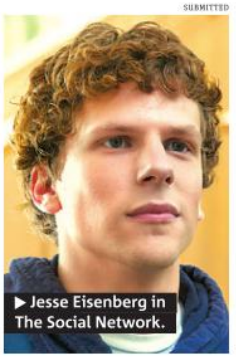

▶ Jesse Eisenberg in The Social Network.

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▶ Colin Firth in The King's Speech.

Long before nominations came out, the show's organizers settled on a duo of youthful hosts — Anne Hathaway and James Franco — and promised a brisk, breezy ceremony that would be fun and funny while paying respect to Hollywood's rich past.

"A lot of the show will definitely be about bringing in a fresh crop of movie viewers," said Franco, also a first-time nominee for best actor for 127 Hours. "But also, one of the backbones or arcs of the show is to appreciate the history of film."

The mix of youth and experience, familiarity and novelty permeates the key categories. Past Oscar winners Nicole Kidman (Rabbit Hole), Javier Bardem (Biutiful) and Jeff Bridges (True Grit) are nominated alongside such relative unknowns as first-timer Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network), Australian Jacki Weaver (Animal Kingdom) and 20-year-old Jennifer Lawrence (Winter's Bone).

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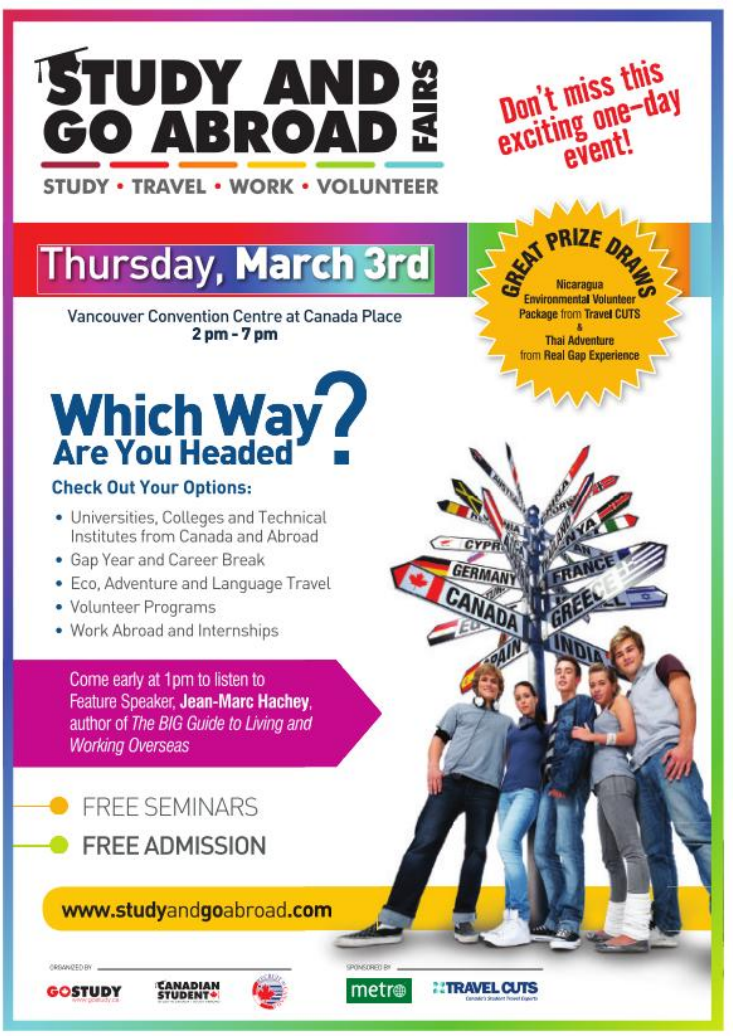
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HOW DID YOU WEIGH IN ON THE OSCAR NOMINATIONS?

The 2011 Oscars are coming and The Reel Guys wanted Metro Readers to have their say!

Do you think Jeff Bridges will beat Colin Firth for Best Actor for the second year in a row?

Yes 20%
No 80%

Should Toy Story 3 have been nominated in both Best Animated and Best Picture categories?

Yes 48%
No 52%

Do John Hawkes, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo or Geoffrey Rush have any chance of beating Christian Bale as Best Supporting Actor?

Yes 52%
No 48%

Does Inception have a chance to take Best Picture?

Yes 44%
No 56%

Are there too many movies nominated for Best Picture? Did you prefer the old system with five noms or do you think the expanded list of ten is a better idea?

Old System 61%
New System 39%

Was Christopher Nolan robbed of a Best Director nomination?

Yes 48%
No 52%

Portman or Bening for Best actress?

Portman 75%
Bening 25%

Who will outshine the other as Oscar host – James Franco or Anne Hathaway?

Franco 44%
Hathaway 56%

Will Canada take home the gold for Incendies (Best Foreign film) and Barney's Version (Best Makeup)?

Gold for Incendies 26%
Gold for Barney's Version 24%
Gold for Both 23%
Gold for None 27%

Will Social Network win Best picture?

Yes 29%
No 71%

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Dragon director heads to the Oscars

Canadian DeBlois co-wrote, co-directed Viking coming-of-age tale Up against Pixar juggernaut Toy Story 3

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▶ How To Train Your Dragon directors and screenwriters Dean DeBlois (left) and Chris Saunders.

For animated filmmaker Dean DeBlois, the long road to Oscar glory involved the realization early on that he wasn't all that great at drawing.

As a kid growing up in Aylmer, Que., the comic book fan dreamed of landing a job at Marvel or DC. The idea of moving to Hollywood to write and direct big-budget animated films, and possibly even being nominated for an Oscar — as he is now for his 3-D hit How To Train Your Dragon — was non-existent.

"It didn't enter my mind, to be honest," DeBlois says in a recent interview from his Dreamworks office in Glendale, Calif., where he's writing a second draft of the Dragon sequel.

"Hollywood just didn't seem like a reality in even my most romanticized thoughts."

DeBlois' first jobs included an animation gig for an Ottawa studio, which helped put him through Sheridan College's animation program in Oakville, Ont., but also marked the beginning of the end of his drawing career.

"I quickly saw that the other animators around me were far better than I was," admits DeBlois, who co-wrote and co-directed How To Train Your Dragon, 2002's Lilo & Stitch and was co-head writer on 1998's Mulan.

DeBlois landed at Dreamworks as a storyboard artist, and worked his way into writing and directing. These days, he says he's continually surprised by how well-received his coming-of-age Viking tale has been.

How To Train Your Dragon is loosely based on the Cressida Cowell book series about a gangly teen who befriends an injured dragon, with Montreal's Jay Baruchel providing the voice for the awkward hero, Hiccup.

Come Oscar night, Dragon will face off against the Pixar juggernaut Toy Story 3 and the quiet French film The Illusionist for the title of best animated film.

In speculating on his chances, DeBlois describes the blockbuster Toy Story 3 as a "daunting" rival while noting that his sweeping adventure saga marks a tonal departure from previous Dreamworks fare such as the Shrek series and Megamind.

"It's not joke-a-minute and it's not based on anything that's too contemporary, too pop culture," he says. "I think people see Dragon as a welcome change of direction, or at least a branching out at Dreamworks and some people want to reward that."

DeBlois says he already feels like he's won a prize by getting the green light to write and direct the next Dragon instalment, and possibly a third.

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Villeneuve has Oscar speech ready — just in case

Denis Villeneuve's acceptance speech is ready — just in case his Incendies wins the best foreign-language film at Sunday's Oscars.

But the renowned Quebec director says his being prepared to accept the award has nothing to do with cockiness.

"I don't have the choice," he said. "I'm used to improvising, but in this case I know I will be too nervous and I'd be scared about forgetting people.

"I prefer to prepare and not win, than win and not be ready. I'm exaggerating, but I can't improvise."

Incendies, which follows twins as they travel from Montreal to the Middle East to uncover their mother's war-ravaged past, is one of five films up for the prize.

The other contenders are Biutiful of Mexico, Dogtooth of Greece, In a Better World of Denmark and Outside the Law of Algeria.

Asked how he was feeling, Villeneuve replied: "I'm trying to be as Zen as possible."

Villeneuve admitted there is a fierce competitive streak that courses through his veins.

"I am not proud of it — it's arrogant and adolescent-like — but I am very competitive," he said.

"But if I lose Sunday night, I won't be destroyed, and I will be happy for the winner. I am competitive, but I'm able to recognize the talent of others."

Incendies was named best Canadian film by Toronto and Vancouver film critics and has collected several awards on the festival circuit.

Villeneuve's previous films include Polytechnique, Maelstrom and his 1998 feature-length debut Un 32 aout sur terre (32nd Day of August on Earth).

Regardless of what happens Sunday night, Villeneuve says he can't wait until he gets back behind the camera.

"The night before the nominations were announced, I was lying on a couch looking at a roaring fire and asking myself how I would survive the next few hours. I told myself that no matter what happened, the most important thing was that my next film be a good one," he said.

"And that is what I still think today.

"Whether I win or not Sunday night, what's important is that my next film be better than Incendies.

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▶ Vancouver sound designer Craig Berkey.

No Oscar pressure for True Grit sound designer

Vancouver's Berkey up for two Oscars But he's not feeling any stress

Vancouver sound designer Craig Berkey is feeling no pressure ahead of Sunday's Academy Awards, where he'll be up for two trophies for his work on the Coen brothers' American Western True Grit.

After all, he's been through this before (he was also up for an Oscar for his work on 2007's No Country for Old Men), and he knows that nominees in his category can let loose at the bash, unlike the big stars who are under the microscope.

"All the sound categories are seated together, just up from the people who are on camera all the time, so we have a lot of fun," said Berkey.

"There's a lot less pressure on us, really. You walk down the red carpet and nobody's wanting to interview you and no one's taking your picture so you can look around, you can do whatever you want to do. It's fun. I think for some of the other people it's hard work."

Berkey, who is also a re-recording mixer, is nominated in two categories: sound editing and sound mixing on True Grit, about a tough U.S. marshal (Jeff Bridges) who helps a headstrong young girl (Hailee Steinfeld) track down her father's killer. Matt Damon, Josh Brolin and Barry Pepper co-star in the adaptation of Charles Portis' 1968 novel.

Skip Lievsay is Berkey's co-nominee in the sound editing category, which also includes Inception, Toy Story 3, Tron: Legacy and Unstoppable. In the category of sound mixing, Berkey is also co-nominated with Lievsay.

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Award answers

Metro Life Panel members weighed in, along with two movie mavericks, on the biggest Oscar night buzz

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Should Toy Story 3 have been nominated in both Best Animated and Best Picture categories? Yes 48.14% No 51.86%

RC: I think Toy Story 3 is a great film, but I don't agree with the multiple nominations. If an animated film can be nominated in two categories then I think Exit Through the Gift Shop, a documentary that was easily one of the best all-round pictures of the year, should have been nominated in both Best Doc and Best Picture categories.
MB: I think Toy Story 3 should be happy with its inevitable win in the Animation category. I'm not sure that placing animation and docs in best picture categories isn't comparing apples and oranges anyways.

Do you think Jeff Bridges will beat Colin Firth for Best Actor for the second year in a row? Yes 20.34%, No 79.66%

RC: Jeff Bridges doesn't stand a chance this year. He's good in True Grit, but it sounds like he took diction lessons from Keith Richards and the character doesn't have the same emotional resonance as Colin Firth's does in The King's Speech.
MB: I thought Colin Firth should have won it last year over Bridges. He'll get it this year, though, and it isn't even Bridges that's his main competition. It's Jesse Eisenberg, maybe even Franco.

Who will outshine the other as Oscar host: James Franco or Anne Hathaway? Franco 44.07%, Hathaway 55.93%

RC: I think Anne Hathaway will bring the charm and James Franco will bring the crazy.
He's a wild card who has already said that if this turns out to be the worst Oscars ever, who cares? I think he'll be edgy and unpredictable in a way that will make Ricky Gervais envious.

Are there too many movies nominated for Best Picture? Did you prefer the old system with five noms or do you think the expanded list of 10 is a better idea? Old System with 5 Noms 61.02%, New System with Expanded List 38.98%

MB: The new system is more democratic and more open to unusual films, but really, who's talking about Winter's Bone? It always boils down to the front-runners no matter how many films are nominated.

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Lohan fears being returned to prison

Judge implying nothing will keep the star out of jail for her latest offence

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Lindsay Lohan has put off her legal troubles for another two weeks, but friends say she's terrified that going back to jail is inevitable.

"I'm not sure if she can survive this," a source tells Popeater. "She is so terrified and frightened that we all fear her addictions will kick in again to help her numb the fear."

During Lohan's court appearance this week, she and her lawyer declined a plea deal that would've involved eight months in jail. But the judge in the case seemed to imply Lohan couldn't avoid jail

"I don't care that you're Lindsay Lohan vs. Jane Doe," Judge Keith L. Schwartz told her. "This case does involve jail time. Period. If you plead in front of me, you are going to jail." METRO

"She is so terrified and frightened that we all fear her addictions will kick in again to help her numb the fear"
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▶ Lindsay Lohan could find herself back in jail very soon.

Celebrity tweets

Kelly Osbourne [@MissKellyO] the only positive thing about waking up this early is getting to see the sun rise!

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Lainey's Oscar file

BEST ACTRESS: NICOLE KIDMAN

RABBIT HOLE

Known for her elegance and sophistication, Kidman is actually quite the daredevil, citing skydiving as one of her passions. She started jumping when she met Tom Cruise. At one point she was jumping so often, film studios had her contractually forbidden from the hobby while working on movies.

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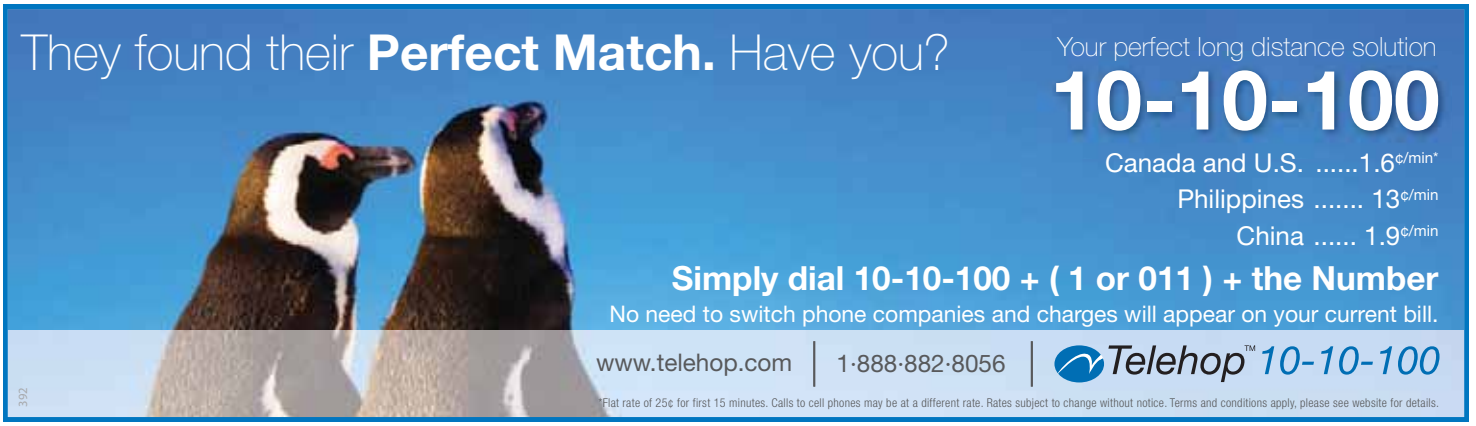
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Potato chips and dip just won't cut it if you're hosting an Academy Awards party
While the stars dine on caviar, serve your guests these decadent treats

Snacks worthy of an Oscar

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Here are two easy-to-make recipes that will be the stars of your party.

Ice Wine Chocolate Truffles

Celebrate the Oscars with a hint of Canadiana and include the sweet nectar of Ice Wine. My favourite is Stratus Ice Wine Red 2007 with its strawberry rhubarb notes. Its sweet decadence with the chocolate is the perfect accompaniment to celebrate all the winners!

Ingredients:
- 8 oz (250 g) high-quality bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) unsalted butter
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) 35% whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) ice wine

Coating
- 12 oz (375 g) high-quality bittersweet or white chocolate, chopped
- Gold flakes for garnishing

Preparation:

1. In heatproof bowl set over hot water, melt chocolate and butter. Let cool to room temperature for about 1 hour.
2. Meanwhile, in bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks. Fold half into chocolate mix; fold in ice wine then remaining whipped cream until combined. Using mini ice cream scoop (5 mL) scoop onto parchment paper lined baking sheet and freeze for 1 hour or until firm.
3. **Coating**: In heatproof bowl set over hot, not boiling, water, melt chocolate; keep warm. Using two forks quickly dip each truffle into chocolate to coat, letting excess drip. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Sprinkle top with gold flakes and repeat with remaining truffles. Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until set.

Extravagant Oscar Popcorn

For a night when celebs bask in the luxury of all things expensive, only the finest ingredients could create buttery rich popcorn as good as this one. And only a champagne flute will do for serving.

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▶ Chocolate Truffles and popcorn served in a champagne flute make ideal Oscar snacks.

Ingredients:
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) canola oil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) popcorn kernels
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) freshly grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese
- Pinch each Fleur de sel and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation:

1. In large pot, heat oil over medium. Add kernels and shake pot to coat kernels. Cover with lid and cook, swirling pot occasionally until popping begins.
2. Slightly askew lid to create steam vent and cook, swirling pot for about 4 minutes or until popping begins to slow. Remove from heat and let stand covered until all popping stops. Place in bowl.
3. In saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Place cheese in bowl. Gently pour butter into cheese, making sure to pour in only the butter and not the creamy whey. Discard whey. Add salt and pepper to butter and cheese mix; stir until cheese is melted. Drizzle over popcorn and toss until coated.

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Oscar Menu

Wondering what the stars will be dining on following the Oscars?

The menu created by Wolfgang Puck and chef Matt Bencivenga is inspired by Latin flavours, from classic paella to coastal seafood, along with signature favourites like gold-dusted chocolate Oscars.

Some of the specific delicacies include sushi; smoked salmon on flatbread with caviar and creme fraiche; and a vegetable paella with saffron and white wine. METRO

Watching the Oscars from the dinner table: Meals inspired by the movies.

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Raising a best actor glass

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Academy Awards nominations are a lot like wine. Some years are packed with talent while others really suck.

This vintage is pretty impressive, with the Actor in a Leading Role category in particular loaded with standout performances. It got me thinking about what kind of booze would best rep each nominee.

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Javier Bardem (Biutiful)
Confession time: I didn't see Biutiful. I did, however, read the synopsis. Bardem plays a crook battling cancer in Barcelona. Since Spain is a co-star, a ripe and rustic Rioja red wine like Campo Viejo's 2006 Crianza ($14.45 - $17.99) matches him Biutiful-ly.

Jesse Eisenberg (The Social Network)
The Facebook flick is true to Mark Zuckerberg's love of beer by having Eisenberg drink German lager as he makes friends, enemies and oodles of money. Beck's (6 x 330 ml, $12.95 - $13.28) is the obvious inspiration for whatever is in his fridge.

James Franco (127 Hours)
If I got caught under a boulder and had to hack off my arm, I'd be wanting a serious drink. I'm thinking French champagne and the 2000 Dom Pérignon ($210.79 - $219.95) in particular.

Colin Firth (The King's Speech)
Firth's performance deserves a subtle liquid and the aromas of cucumber and roses in Scotland's Hendrick's Gin ($42.95 - $44.45) are a perfect fit for this Brit.

Jeff Bridges (True Grit):
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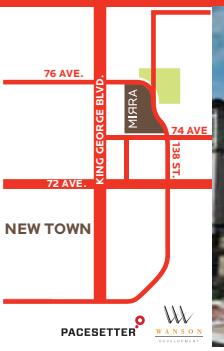

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Schneider shines in win

Vancouver beats St. Louis after dropping two of their first three meetings

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▶ St. Louis Blues centre Vladimir Sobotka jams at a puck in front of Canucks goalie Cory Schneider last night.

Manny Malhotra's third-period goal proved to be the winner as Vancouver held off the St. Louis Blues 3-2 on Thursday to maintain their hold atop the NHL standings.

Mikael Samuelsson and Sami Salo also scored and back-up netminder Cory Schneider made 28 saves for Vancouver (39-14-9), which remained one point ahead of the Philadelphia Flyers for the NHL's top spot.

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CANUCKS	BLUES

Alex Pietrangelo and David Backes replied for struggling St. Louis (27-24-9), which lost its third straight following a three-game winning streak. The Blues sit 13th in the Western Conference.

The Canucks squandered a 2-0 lead before Malhotra's third-period goal.

The centreman won a battle with Pietrangelo behind St. Louis's net, then spun and whipped a low wraparound shot past goaltender Ty Conklin for his eighth goal of the season.

The tally came against the grain, as the Blues had a dominant second period that saw them score twice and hit the post twice.

If not for the strong play of Schneider, the Blues could have run away with the game.

T.J. Oshie had two marvellous chances in the crease, the second which looked like a sure goal, but Schneider made a left-pad save to keep the score tied.

Schneider wasn't overly busy in the third, but held firm on a St. Louis power play that tested him with multiple slapshots.

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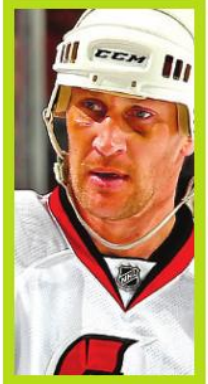

"It's too bad it's ending this way, but it's a business and it's a life."

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Caps opener tickets getting scarce

Vancouver Whitecaps brass expect a sellout when the team takes to Empire Field for its first Major League Soccer match March 19.

Paul Barber, the club's CEO, said 2,500 tickets were sold in less than 24 hours after single-game tickets went on sale to the public Wednesday morning.

With 15,500 season tickets sold so far (1,000 remain) and a number of seats reserved for corporate packages and the soccer community, the temporary home of the Whitecaps should be jumping when Toronto FC rolls into town.

"It's pretty amazing really, it just shows you the excitement in this city for the game against Toronto," Barber said.

The big push for the club now is to hit its 16,500 season ticket cap.

Barber thinks it shouldn't be a tough sell once the single-game tickets dry up.

"Now, probably the only real way of guaranteeing of being at the Toronto game is to get one of those season tickets, because I don't think we're going to have many, if any, single-game tickets left beyond the next week or so," he said. "There's a real sense that March 19 against TFC will be a real occasion, and people want to be part of it."

Barber also announced the Whitecaps are negotiating with two big-name European clubs to play friendlies at Empire Field this summer.

MATT KIELTYKA

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	61	40	15	3	3	202	155	86	20-8-1-2	20-7-2-1	7-2-1-0	W1
d-Tampa Bay	60	35	18	3	4	187	188	77	20-7-1-3	15-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-Boston	60	34	19	2	5	188	145	75	15-12-1-2	19-7-1-3	5-5-0-0	W3
Pittsburgh	62	36	20	3	3	180	150	78	20-11-2-0	16-9-1-3	3-5-1-1	L3
Washington	61	32	19	5	5	165	153	74	17-7-2-5	15-12-3-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Montreal	62	32	23	4	3	161	161	71	19-8-3-3	13-15-1-0	3-5-0-2	L1
NY Rangers	62	32	26	2	2	172	155	68	14-14-1-2	18-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	61	28	24	4	5	177	188	65	15-10-1-2	13-14-3-3	3-4-2-1	L2
Buffalo	59	28	25	6	0	170	172	62	13-15-2-0	15-10-4-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	61	27	27	3	4	157	184	61	14-11-3-3	13-16-0-1	6-2-1-1	W2
Atlanta	61	25	26	4	6	174	201	60	13-12-1-4	12-14-3-2	2-7-1-0	L4
Florida	60	25	28	3	4	156	168	57	12-11-3-3	13-17-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	60	26	30	3	1	129	161	56	13-13-2-1	13-17-0-1	9-0-1-0	W8
NY Islanders	62	23	31	4	4	170	202	54	12-14-1-3	11-17-3-1	6-3-1-0	L2
Ottawa	60	20	31	5	4	137	195	49	10-16-2-3	10-15-3-1	3-6-0-1	W2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	62	39	14	4	5	207	147	87	22-5-1-4	17-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	61	37	18	4	2	203	177	80	17-10-3-1	20-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	L2
d-San Jose	62	35	21	4	2	174	159	76	15-10-2-1	20-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W5
Phoenix	62	33	20	6	3	178	177	75	15-10-3-2	18-10-3-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	60	33	23	2	2	166	144	70	17-9-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Minnesota	60	32	22	1	5	158	156	70	16-12-0-3	16-10-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Chicago	61	32	23	2	4	194	169	70	18-14-0-0	14-9-3-3	5-3-0-2	W3
Dallas	61	32	23	2	4	168	173	70	17-9-2-3	15-14-0-1	2-7-1-0	W1
Nashville	61	31	22	5	3	156	146	70	14-7-4-3	17-15-1-0	4-5-1-0	L3
Calgary	62	31	23	3	5	186	178	70	18-10-1-2	13-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	L1
Anaheim	61	32	25	2	2	171	181	68	17-10-0-1	15-15-2-1	5-5-0-0	L4
Columbus	59	30	23	3	3	163	175	66	15-13-0-2	15-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	W2
St. Louis	60	27	24	4	5	168	179	63	18-10-1-3	9-14-3-2	4-4-1-1	L3
Colorado	61	26	28	7	0	178	210	59	14-15-4-0	12-13-3-0	1-8-1-0	L1
Edmonton	61	20	33	1	7	156	203	48	10-17-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Philadelphia 4 N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Dallas 4 Detroit 1
Toronto 5 Montreal 4
Chicago 3 Nashville 0
Vancouver 3 St. Louis 2
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Wednesday's results
Edmonton 5 Colorado 1
Ottawa 5 Florida 1
Buffalo 4 Atlanta 1
Los Angeles 3 Anaheim 2
San Jose 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Tampa Bay 8 Phoenix 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

CANUCKS 3, BLUES 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Samuelsson 18 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 9:42
2. Vancouver, Salo 1 (Glass, Oreskovich) 16:47
Penalties — Crombeen StL, Glass Vcr (fighting) 2:45, H.Sedin (interference) 7:01.
Second Period
3. St. Louis, Pietrangelo 8 (McDonald, Sobotka) 6:27 (pp)
4. St. Louis, Backes 23 (Stewart, Shattenkirk) 7:41
Penalties — D.Sedin Vcr (slashing) 5:11, Ballard Vcr (slashing) 16:41.
Third Period
5. Vancouver, Malhotra 8 (Hansen) 1:05
Penalties — D.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 4:23, Stewart StL (high-sticking) 8:03.
Shots

St. Louis	11	11	8—30
Vancouver	17	4	6—27

Goal — St. Louis: Conklin (L,7-6-3); Vancouver: Schneider (W,11-3-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — St. Louis: 1-4; Vancouver: 0-1.
Att. — 18,860 (18,810) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	46	78
Stamkos, TB	41	36	77
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	58	73
St. Louis, TB	22	50	72
Perry, Ana	31	36	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Zetterberg, Det	18	48	66
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Ovechkin, Wash	24	38	62
E.Staal, Car	27	31	58
Iginla, Cal	25	33	58
Kesler, Vcr	33	24	57
Selanne, Ana	20	36	56
Kopitar, LA	18	38	56
Nash, Clb	29	26	55
Giroux, Pha	21	34	55
Toews, Chi	20	35	55
Eriksson, Dal	19	36	55
Sharp, Chi	31	23	54
J.Carter, Pha	27	26	53
Backstrom, Wash	15	38	53
Tavares, NYI	23	29	52
J.Thornton, SJ	15	37	52
Briere, Pha	28	23	51
Vanek, Buf	22	29	51
P.Kane, Chi	20	31	51
Havlat, Minn	19	32	51
M.Richards, Pha	18	33	51
Ryan, Ana	28	21	49
P.Bergeron, Bos	20	29	49
Heatley, SJ	20	29	49
M.Koivu, Minn	15	34	49
Ribeiro, Dal	11	38	49
Duchene, Col	21	27	48
J.Williams, LA	20	28	48
P.Stastny, Col	18	30	48
Datsyuk, Det	17	31	48
Lidstrom, Det	12	36	48
Hejduk, Col	19	28	47
Clowe, SJ	17	30	47
Getzlaf, Ana	15	32	47
Marleau, SJ	24	22	46
Skinner, Car	22	24	46
Plekanec, Mtl	19	27	46
MacArthur, Tor	18	28	46
Tanguay, Cal	16	30	46
Elias, NJ	14	32	46
Visnovsky, Ana	9	37	46
Franzen, Det	26	19	45
Backes, StL	22	23	45
Ladd, Atl	22	23	45

Not including last night's games

GOLF

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

At Marana, Ariz.
Nick Watney (32), U.S., def. Lee Westwood (1), England, 1 up.
Martin Kaymer (2), Germany, def. Justin Rose (34), England, 20 holes.
Rickie Fowler (29), U.S., def. Phil Mickelson (4), U.S., 6 and 5.
Graeme McDowell (5), Northern Ireland, def. Ross Fisher (37), England, 4 and 2.
Jason Day (38), Australia, def. Paul Casey (6), England, 4 and 2.
Ben Crane (39), U.S., def. Rory McIlroy (7), Northern Ireland, 8 and 7.
Luke Donald (9), England, def. Edoardo Molinari (24), Italy, 2 and 1.
J.B. Holmes (22), U.S., def. Ernie Els (11), South Africa, 1 up.
Matt Kuchar (13), U.S., def. Bo Van Pelt (45), U.S., 3 and 2.
Hunter Mahan (18), U.S., def. Robert Karlsson (15), Sweden, 2 up.
Bubba Watson (19), U.S., def. Mark Wilson (51), U.S., 6 and 5.
Miguel Angel Jimenez (23), Spain, def. Ryan Palmer (55), U.S., 4 and 2.
Matteo Manassero (57), Italy, def. Charl Swartzel (25), South Africa, 1 up.
Geoff Ogilvy (30), Australia, def. Thomas Bjorn (62), Denmark, 1 up.
Y.E. Yang (44), South Korea, def. Stewart Cink (53), U.S., 4 and 3.
Ryan Moore (48), U.S., def. K.J. Choi (49), South Korea, 5 and 4

LPGA HSBC CHAMPIONS

At Singapore
Par 72
First Round

Chie Arimura	34-34—68
Na Yeon Choi	35-34—69
Karen Stupples	36-34—70
Yani Tseng	34-36—70
Karrie Webb	35-35—70
Sun Young Yoo	34-36—70
Shanshan Feng	35-36—71
Natalie Gulbis	35-36—71
Hee-Won Han	37-34—71
M.J. Hur	35-36—71
Meena Lee	35-36—71
Jiyai Shin	35-36—71
Vicky Hurst	36-36—72
Eun-Hee Ji	35-37—72
I.K. Kim	35-37—72
Stacy Lewis	38-34—72
Mika Miyazato	37-35—72
Hee Kyung Seo	36-36—72
Wendy Ward	38-34—72
Lindsey Wright	37-35—72
Amy Hung	36-37—73
Jessica Korda	35-38—73
Catriona Matthew	35-38—73
Gwladys Nocera	37-36—73
Suzann Pettersen	36-37—73
Morgan Pressel	38-35—73
Angela Stanford	35-38—73
Momoko Ueda	36-37—73
Michelle Wie	35-38—73
Amy Yang	37-36—73
Shi Hyun Ahn	36-38—74
Meaghan Francella	37-37—74
Sophie Gustafson	37-37—74
Katherine Hull	36-38—74
Haeji Kang	36-38—74
Also	
Alena Sharp	**42-38—80**

GAMES

2011 CANADA GAMES

At Halifax

Province	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Quebec	42	36	34	112
Ontario	35	27	22	84
B.C.	23	25	25	73
Alberta	17	18	27	62
Saskatchewan	6	7	7	20
Manitoba	5	6	9	20
N.B.	2	5	7	14
Nova Scotia	3	4	1	8
Yukon	3	1	1	5
N.L.	0	1	4	5
P.E.I.	1	0	2	3
N.W.T.	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with C Raudy Read, OF Randy Novas, LHP Joel Barrientos, LHP Brian Escolastico, LHP Hector Silvestre, RHP Anderson Martinez, RHP Gilberto Mendez, RHP Felix Moscat, C Pedro Severino, C Jorge Tillero, 1B Arialdi Peguero, SS Yewri Guillen, 3B Diomedes Eusebio, OF Juan de los Santos, OF Wilman Rodriguez and OF Dioncio Rosario on minor league contracts.

NBA

BOSTON CELTICS — Traded F Luke Harangody and C Semih Erden to Cleveland for a 2013 second-round draft pick.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Traded G Mo Williams and F Jamario Moon to the L.A. Clippers for G Baron Davis and a 2011 first-round draft pick.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed C Ryan Kalil to a one-year franchise tender.

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS — Traded D Brent Sopel and RW Nigel Dawes to Montreal for C Ben Maxwell and a 2011 fourth-round draft pick. Signed general manager Rick Dudley to a four-year contract extension.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled D Nick Leddy from Rockford (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Recalled D Mark Katic from Bridgeport (AHL) on an emergency basis. Returned F Jesse Joensuu to Bridgeport.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Reassigned D Andre Benoit and F Jim O'Brien to Binghamton (AHL). Claimed F Marek Svatos off waivers from Nashville. Traded F Alex Kovalev to Pittsburgh for a conditional 2011 seventh-round draft pick.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Traded G Dan Ellis to Anaheim for G Curtis McElhinney.

SOCCER

EUROPA LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND

SECOND ROUND
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Ajax (Netherlands) 2, Anderlecht (Belgium) 0, Ajax advanced on 5-0 aggregate
Braga (Portugal) 2, Lech Poznan (Poland) 0, Braga advanced on 2-1 aggregate
Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 2, Metalist Kharkiv (Ukraine) 0, Bayer Leverkusen advanced on 6-0 aggregate
Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 4, Besiktas (Turkey) 0, Dynamo Kiev advanced on 8-1 aggregate
Liverpool (England) 1, Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0, Liverpool advanced on 1-0 aggregate
Manchester City (England) 3, Aris (Greece) 0, Manchester City advanced on 3-0 aggregate
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 3, Lille (France) 1, PSV Eindhoven advanced on 5-3 aggregate
Paris Saint-Germain (France) 0, BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0, 2-2 aggregate, Paris Saint-Germain advanced on 2-0 away goals
Spartak Moscow (Russia) 1, Basel (Switzerland) 1, Spartak Moscow advanced on 4-3 aggregate
Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 2, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2, 3-3 aggregate, Glasgow Rangers advanced on 2-1 away goals
Stuttgart (Germany) 0, Benfica (Portugal) 2, Benfica advanced on 4-1 aggregate
Twente (Netherlands) 2, Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2, Twente advanced on 4-2 aggregate
Villarreal (Spain) 2, Napoli (Italy) 1, Villarreal advanced on 2-1 aggregate
Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 3, Young Boys (Switzerland) 1, Zenit St. Petersburg advanced on 4-3 aggregate

CURLING

2011 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENTS OF HEARTS

At Charlottetown

Province (Skip)	W	L
x-Saskatchewan (Holland)	9	2
x-Canada (J.Jones)	8	3
x-Ontario (Homan)	8	3
y-Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	7	4
y-B.C. (K.Scott)	7	4
P.E.I. (Birt)	6	5
Alberta (Kleibrink)	6	5
Quebec (Larouche)	4	7
Manitoba (Overton-Clapham)	4	7
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	3	8
New Brunswick (A.Kelly)	3	8
N.L. (S.Devereaux)	1	10

Yesterday's results
Draw 15
Nova Scotia 8 Alberta 7
Ontario 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 3
Prince Edward Island 8 Manitoba 5
Saskatchewan 7 New Brunswick 6
Draw 16
Canada 9 Nova Scotia 4
British Columbia 6 New Brunswick 4
Manitoba 8 Newfoundland & Labrador 7 (extra end)
Quebec 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 8 (extra end)
Draw 17
British Columbia 8 Saskatchewan 5
Canada 8 Alberta 5
Ontario 5 Quebec 4
Prince Edward Island 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 5
End of round robin
PLAYOFFS
Today's games
Tiebreaker
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey) vs. British Columbia (K.Scott), 1:30 p.m.
Page Playoffs
Saskatchewan (Holland) vs. Canada (J.Jones), 6:30 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

Group A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	1	1	0	0	2
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	2
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	2
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	2
Canada	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	0
Kenya	2	0	0	2	0

Group B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
England	1	1	0	0	2
India	1	1	0	0	2
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	0
West Indies	1	0	0	1	0

Yesterday's result
At New Delhi
South Africa (223-3) def. West Indies (222) by seven wickets.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	9	7	2	.778	101	78	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2
Rochester	8	4	4	.500	72	87	2½
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	69	81	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	84	97	3
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK EIGHT
Tomorrow's games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	41	15	.732	—
d-Miami	42	16	.724	—
d-Chicago	39	17	.696	2
Orlando	36	22	.621	6
Atlanta	34	23	.596	7½
New York	29	26	.527	11½
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	13½
Indiana	26	30	.464	15
Charlotte	25	32	.439	16½
Milwaukee	22	35	.386	19½
Detroit	21	38	.356	21½
New Jersey	17	40	.298	24½
Toronto	16	42	.276	26
Washington	15	41	.268	26
Cleveland	10	47	.175	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	47	10	.825	—
Dallas	41	16	.719	6
d-L.A. Lakers	40	19	.678	8
d-Oklahoma City	36	20	.643	10½
Denver	34	25	.576	14
New Orleans	34	25	.576	14
Portland	32	25	.561	15
Memphis	32	27	.542	16
Utah	31	27	.534	16½
Phoenix	28	27	.509	18
Houston	28	31	.475	20
Golden State	26	30	.464	20½
L.A. Clippers	21	37	.362	26½
Sacramento	14	41	.255	32
Minnesota	13	45	.224	34½

d-division leader
Last night's results
Chicago 93 Miami 89
Denver 89 Boston 75
Wednesday's results
San Antonio 109 Oklahoma City 105
Houston 124 Cleveland 119
Indiana 102 Detroit 101
Sacramento 111 Orlando 105
Philadelphia 117 Washington 94
Toronto 118 Chicago 113
New York 114 Milwaukee 108
Memphis 104 Minnesota 95
Dallas 118 Utah 99
Phoenix 105 Atlanta 97
New Orleans 98 L.A. Clippers 87
L.A. Lakers 106 Portland 101 (OT)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	52	495	412	1495	28.8
James, MIA	55	503	362	1439	26.2
Stoudemire, NYK	54	527	340	1403	26.0
Wade, MIA	53	477	344	1343	25.3
Bryant, LAL	59	530	350	1489	25.2
Anthony, NYK	51	447	349	1286	25.2
Ellis, GOL	56	530	258	1409	25.2
Rose, CHI	54	489	289	1350	25.0
Martin, HOU	57	378	430	1309	23.0
Howard, ORL	56	455	376	1286	23.0
Griffin, LAC	58	505	308	1325	22.8
Nowitzki, DAL	48	397	246	1090	22.7
Aldridge, POR	57	504	268	1279	22.4
Westbrook, OKC	56	417	385	1238	22.1
Bargnani, TOR	52	429	220	1139	21.9
Williams, UTA	53	369	302	1129	21.3
Granger, IND	55	392	256	1156	21.0
Love, MIN	58	397	344	1214	20.9
Randolph, MEM	54	434	209	1082	20.0
Gay, MEM	54	409	194	1069	19.8
Lopez, NJN	57	413	280	1106	19.4
West, NOR	58	443	219	1107	19.1
Scola, HOU	59	467	183	1117	18.9
Jackson, CHA	55	363	214	1041	18.9
Pierce, BOS	55	360	241	1039	18.9

Not including last night's games

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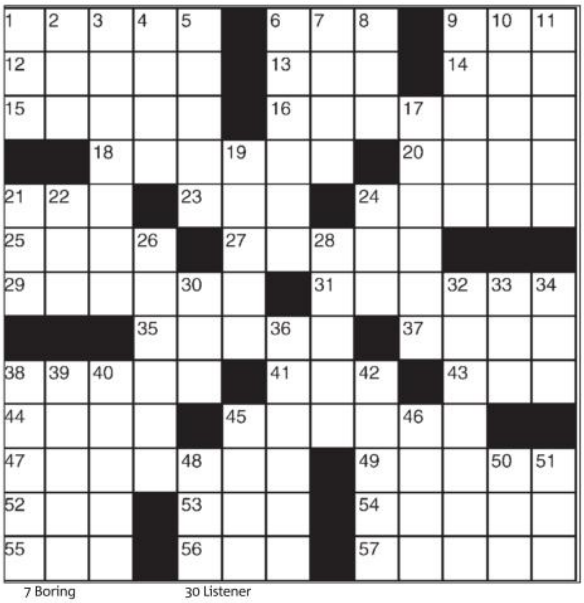

Across

1 A to Z
6 Vitamin stat
9 Foolish one
12 Marble type
13 Chic no more
14 Pi follower
15 Water softener
16 Level of achievement
18 Vegas wedding site
20 Angel's prop
21 Brewery product
23 — Lanka
24 Soft and smooth
25 Pod dwellers
27 Bury
29 Map-Quest offerings
31 "Planet of the Apes" star
35 Stallone role
37 You
38 Fantastic
41 Conclusion
43 Scrap
44 Capri, e.g.
45 Leopard's cousin
47 Hat
49 Scrub
52 Writer Kesey
53 Torched
54 Humiliate
55 Tramcar load
56 Aviate
57 Hosiery shade

Down

1 Talk on and on
2 Have — at (try)
3 Mime extraordinaire
4 Hexagonal state
5 — hell 'em
6 Entice
7 Boring
8 — glance
9 "This Was — Nice Clambake"
10 "Jaws" villain
11 Somewhat melted, as ice cream
17 Desire for a drink
19 Spectrum producer
21 Spring mo.
22 Virgo neighbor
24 Bishopric
26 16-time Oscar nominee
28 Immodest swimwear
30 Listener
32 "Walden" writer
33 "— the fields we go"
34 Profit
36 Beast's love
38 Michael Moore film
39 Leading man?
40 Aircraft
42 Ticket
45 Penitentiary
46 Actress Jessica
48 Sprite
50 Venomous viper
51 Born

▶ Yesterday's answer

D	I	S	C		C	H	A		A	F	A	R		
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			E	K	E			C	A	B				
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A	G	O			I	L	K			W	O	O		
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Sudoku

		1		7		3	2	
7	8		5				9	
		2			6			
		6		1				
9		7				6		2
				4		5		
			8			4		
	6				1		3	9
	1	5		3		7		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

1	3	6	7	4	8	5	2	9
9	2	5	3	6	1	4	8	7
8	4	7	9	2	5	1	6	3
4	5	9	2	1	3	8	7	6
6	7	3	5	8	4	9	1	2
2	1	8	6	9	7	3	4	5
3	6	1	4	7	9	2	5	8
5	8	2	1	3	6	7	9	4
7	9	4	8	5	2	6	3	1

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Today, give yourself room to consider more than just the usual options. If it helps, go some place where you can be alone with your thoughts. Privacy is your friend.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Be a bit more adventurous today. You may be satisfied with your lot in life but if you stay in one place and frame of mind too long, your satisfaction will diminish as the years progress.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You don't lack big ideas but you don't always act on them as quickly and decisively as you should. That should change now as the Sun joins forces with Mercury in the career area of your chart.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Get out into the world. The more you are on the move, the more you will enjoy yourself, and the more opportunities will come your way. It's not true that Cancerians are timid and shy, at least not today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Life is what you make of it and what you make of it today depends on what kind of eyes you use to look at the world. Always see things positively.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Speak up and say your piece today, regardless of the effect it might have on other people. The truth should never be suppressed and anyone who tells you otherwise obviously has something to hide.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You need to get your everyday routine in order, and you need to do it now. Things have gotten a bit chaotic lately and if you don't get a grip, you could be facing a lost weekend.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your gift of tuning into people's thoughts will put you in a strong position. You'll be able to predict what they will do before they do it. How can you turn the gift into money?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Open your eyes to new possibilities and believe that all things are doable for those who have the courage to move away from the herd. Follow your instincts and try out new ways of living.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may seem as if chaos rules but that's far too pessimistic an outlook. Never doubt there is a reason behind everything that happens and that you'll find love and laughter — soon.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you learn from your mistakes, you will avoid the trap that awaits you. If, however, you find yourself looking at the sky from a deep hole, you'll know you didn't learn fast enough!

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Do you push the limits as far as you can? Or do you take a cautious approach and make sure you get each step right before you take the next? Only you can decide. What's your heart tell you? SALLY BROMPTON

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